

(iii) No more of the directors are non-citizens than a minority of the number necessary to constitute a quorum.

(3) A partnership where all the general partners are citizens and at least 50 percent of the equity interest is owned by citizens.

(4) An association or joint venture where all the members are citizens.

(5) A trust where all the trustees and all the beneficiaries with an enforceable interest in the trust are citizens.

(c) The vessel must be owned by a member or members of a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative who dedicate the vessel to the use of a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative.

(d) A vessel which meets the criteria of this section is considered to be owned exclusively by citizens of the United States for the purposes of subsequent transfer and documentation under part 67 of this chapter.

[CGD 90-055, 57 FR 7642, Mar. 3, 1992. Redesignated and amended by USCG-2005-20258, 71 FR 61418, Oct. 18, 2006]

§ 68.31 Vessel eligibility requirements for limited coastwise endorsement.

(a) A vessel must comply with all the requirements of part 67 of this chapter, other than citizenship requirements, in order to be eligible for documentation under this subpart.

(b) Notwithstanding 46 U.S.C. App. 883, a vessel remains eligible for documentation under this subpart even if the vessel was formerly owned by a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative or by one or more members of a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative and the vessel meets the criteria of § 68.29.

[CGD 90-055, 57 FR 7642, Mar. 3, 1992. Redesignated and amended by USCG-2005-20258, 71 FR 61418, Oct. 18, 2006]

§ 68.33 Privileges of a limited coastwise endorsement.

(a) A vessel which is documented and issued a limited coastwise endorsement under this subpart may operate on the navigable waters of the United States or in the EEZ in coastwise trade only for the following purposes:

(1) To recover oil discharged into the water.

(2) To transport oil discharged into the water.

(3) To transport and deploy equipment, supplies, and personnel for recovering and transporting oil discharged into the water.

(4) To conduct training exercises to prepare for performing the functions in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this section.

(b) This limited coastwise endorsement also entitles the vessel to any other employment for which a registry or fishery license is not required.

(c) A vessel which is documented and issued a limited coastwise endorsement under this subpart may qualify to operate for other purposes by meeting the applicable requirements of part 67 of this chapter.

[CGD 90-055, 57 FR 7642, Mar. 3, 1992. Redesignated by USCG-2005-20258, 71 FR 61418, Oct. 18, 2006; USCG-2009-0702, 74 FR 49230, Sept. 25, 2009]

§ 68.35 Application to document a vessel under this subpart.

(a) To qualify to document a vessel or to accept the dedication of a vessel by a member or members under this subpart, a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative shall file with the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center the certificate under oath as set forth in appendix A to this subpart.

(b) Upon the filing of the certificate under paragraph (a) of this section, the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center will furnish the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative with a letter of qualification. The letter of qualification is valid for a period of three years from the date of its issuance, unless there is a change in membership or structure of the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative or a change in the citizenship status of any of its members requiring a report under § 68.37. In order to renew the letter of qualification, a new certificate under oath must be filed with the Commandant at least 30 days before the date of expiration of the letter of qualification.

(c) A not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative seeking to document a vessel for a limited coastwise endorsement under this subpart, in addition to complying with the requirements of § 68.31(a), shall supply to the National

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Vessel Documentation Center, a copy of the letter of qualification issued under paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) A member or members of a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative seeking to document a vessel under this subpart shall supply to the National Vessel Documentation Center, a copy of the letter of qualification issued under paragraph (b) of this section to the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative to which the vessel is dedicated. In addition, the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative and the vessel owners shall all certify under oath that the vessel for which application is made is dedicated to use by the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative. This certification must use the format and content described in appendix B to this subpart. If there is a change in the dedicated status of the vessel or its ownership, a report under § 68.37 must be filed.

[GCD 89-007; GCD 89-007a, 58 FR 60266, Nov. 15, 1993, 58 FR 65131, Dec. 13, 1993, as amended by CGD 95-014, 60 FR 31606, June 15, 1995; USCG-1999-6216, 64 FR 53225, Oct. 1, 1999. Re-designated and amended by USCG-2005-20258, 71 FR 61418, Oct. 18, 2006]

§ 68.37 Cessation of qualifications.

(a) If the vessel is owned by a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative and a change occurs which affects the validity of the certificate required by § 68.35(a), or the ownership of the vessel changes so that it no longer meets the criteria of § 68.29, the qualification for the privileges enumerated in § 68.33 is terminated effective as of the date and time of the change. The not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative shall report the change in writing to the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center.

(b) If the vessel is owned by a member or members of a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative and a change occurs which affects the validity of the certificate required by § 68.35(a), or the ownership of the vessel changes so that it no longer meets the criteria of § 68.29, the qualification of the member or members for the privileges enumerated in § 68.33 is terminated effective as of the date and time of the change. The member or members shall report the

change in writing to the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center.

(c) When qualifications are terminated under this section, the certificate of documentation issued under this subpart must be surrendered or exchanged in accordance with part 67 of this chapter.

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**APPENDIX A TO SUBPART B OF PART 68—
OATH FOR QUALIFICATION OF A NOT-
FOR-PROFIT OIL SPILL RESPONSE
COOPERATIVE**

*Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast
Guard*

Oath for Qualification of a Not-For-Profit
Oil Spill Response Cooperative [46 U.S.C.
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Cooperative:

Name _____

Address _____

Jurisdiction where incorporated or orga-
nized _____

Affiant:

Name _____

Address _____

Cooperative _____

Title or Capacity _____

I, the affiant, swear that I am legally authorized to make this oath and hold the capacity so bestowed upon me as _____, on behalf of the _____ cooperative and its members, that it is a not-for-profit cooperative, and that it is engaged in training for, carrying out, or supporting oil spill cleanup operations or related research activities.

That all members of the cooperative who may use the letter of qualification issued to this cooperative are truly and correctly named, including home address and citizenship of each on the attached listing incorporated in and made a part of this oath.

Signature _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the
day and year shown.

(Notary Public)